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E. N. Hoffpauir, first year, Turkey Creek.

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W. J. Killmer, first year, Ellis.

Mrs. Kate E. Wilkins, first year, Jennings.

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Lay Delegates.

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Glenmora, Luther Blevins.

Otterbein,

Ellis, Mr. Lafleur.

Bayou Mallet,

New Orleans, Mrs. J. E. Lewis.

Freeland,

Stationing Committees Report.

W. LOMAX CHILDRESS, SUPERINTENDENT.

Bayou Mallet—W. R. Schrock.

Freeland—To be supplied.

Jennings—John E. Lewis.

Kephart—J. H. Hester.

New Orleans—A. H. Smith.
Otterbein—E. N. Hoffpauir.
Roanoke—W. Lomax Childress.
Slidell—A. H. Smith.
Conference Missionary—C. C. Martin.
Evangelist—W. J. Killmer.

Proceedings.

JENNINGS, LA., October 22, 1914.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Louisiana Conference of the Churches of the United Brethren in Christ convened in Jennings on October 22, 1914, Bishop C. J. Kephart, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., presiding.

As per schedule Conference met at nine o'clock, and after the devotional exercises the Bible Conference was commenced, and many good papers were read. Conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The exercise of devotion at this hour was conducted by Brother James Ellis, after which the Conference continued the Bible study to the hour of 3:45, at which time the Conference was organized for business. In the absence of the Secretary, John E. Lewis was elected Secretary pro tem. On motion duly seconded the acting Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for Fred Buch as Conference Secretary.

The Bishop then proceed with the appointment of the Organization Committees which also met the endorsement of the Conference.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23d.

MORNING SESSION.

The second day's session opened at the time announced with C. C. Martin in charge of the devotional part of the program. Immediately following this the Bishop addressed the Conference on, Is Christianity Divine?

The roll call being completed the reading of the minutes of the previous day's session was heard and adopted.

The report of Conference Superintendent, W. Lomax Childress, was read and accepted.

The report of the Committee on Applicants and Conference Relations was read and adopted with the exception of J. E. Lewis, who was referred to the Committee on Ordination.

Next in order was the reports from the pastors which were listened to with a great deal of interest, and during which time the power of God was manifest in our midst.

J. E. Lewis, coming from the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, was received into the Conference as an ordained minister.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the regular devotional exercises the Bishop then appointed the following committees:

BIBLE CONFERENCE—W. R. Schrock and E. N. Hoffpauir.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES—B. A. Richhart, C. A. Brigham and W. R. Schrock.

A supplemental report of the Committee on Conference Relations was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Boundary and Finance was read and adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported, and same was received, and the problem of the country church was very ably discussed by O. P. Harnish.

The following Committees reported and same were accepted: Foreign Missions, Church Erection and Christian Stewardship.

The Committee on Memoirs reported, and Saturday, Oct. 24th, 1914, at 3 p. m. was the time set for the memorial service.

Conference adjourned to meet in business session October 24th, at 9:00 a. m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24.

• MORNING SESSION.

The last day's session of the Conference convened as per schedule, the devotional exercises being conducted by Brother James Ellis.

After the roll call the previous day's minutes were read and adopted.

The report of Brother C. C. Martin was read in which was shown that the Missionary had improved his time, not to his material benefit, but to the advantage of the Kingdom of God, many souls being born into the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and additions made to the churches. On motion duly seconded the report was adopted.

Moved and seconded that the fixing of the place of the next Annual session be left to the Conference Board; motion carried.

The report of the Committee on Conference Trustees was read and on motion duly seconded was accepted.

On motion of the Conference Superintendent the licentiates were excused from examination for one year.

The Committee on Auditing Treasurer's report reported and the same was accepted.

E. N. Hoffpauir then read a paper on Publishing Interests which was accepted by the Conference.

The Committee on Nominations was read and on motion duly seconded was accepted.

Moved and Seconded that a conference Board of Trustees be elected and incorporated as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Brother Carlyon then presented for our consideration a paper on Christian Stewardship in which was plainly shown that money does not comprise all to be considered under the topic—talent application occupying and playing an important part.

Moved and seconded this Conference Commission be continued for the balance of the quadrennium; motion carried.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour for opening having arrived the Bishop conducted the devotions and delivered the Conference Address.

Moved and seconded Brother W. F. Tietje be elected Conference Treasurer; motion carried.

Papers on Christian Evangelism and Temperance were read and accepted.

The time having arrived, the Memorial Service in behalf of Brother T. J. Woodworth, was conducted by E. N. Hoffpauir. Upon request O. P. Harnish reviewed briefly the life of the deceased brother.

At the conclusion of this service Conference joined in prayers of sympathy for Brother W. F. Tietje and family.

Reports from the following committees were read and upon approval of the Conference were accepted: Education, Sunday School Increase, Ministerial Efficiency and Christian Endeavor.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

That we request the Superintendent of the Conference to co-operate with the State and Denominational Officials to secure the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The report of the Committee on Assignment of topics for the Bible Conference for the coming year was read and adopted.

Brother W. E. Coffin gave a verbal report on making effectual a financial system that would meet the needs of the hour in which he emphasized the fact that if we adopted the God given plan, the tithe, the money problem would be solved. However, to accomplish this there seems to be the necessity of some education

The enlisting of the local churches in a united effort was the title of a paper presented by Brother Richhart.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and same was adopted.

On motion duly seconded, the Bishop appointed the Committees for the coming Conference Year.

Moved and seconded that the Annual Conference ratify the action of the Trustees at Glennora, in the sale of 1 said lot, or fraction thereof. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded we reconsider the election of Brother Tietje as Conference Treasurer. Motion carried.

On motion Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Moved and seconded that Brother Coffin be elected Conference Treasurer. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Conference adjourn. Motion Carried.

Superintendent's Report.

To the Bishop and Members of the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ:

Dear Brethren in Christ:

It is with a profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God for his multiplied mercies to me during the past year and a deep feeling of my own unworthiness that I bring to you this report of the work that I have sought to do in the strength of God during the year. It cannot be said that a great deal of material progress has been made, though we have done something in the way of building. A parsonage has been built at Glenmora and is now occupied by the pastor. Slight improvements have been made on church property at various other places in the Conference, but no other buildings have been erected. Indeed considering the limited scope of territory actually covered by us, and the very scant financial support that we have to depend upon, we probably have all of the church building that we really need at this time, though we have a fair prospect of building at one or two other points whenever we push the matter. To make this effort we do not however consider to be expedient at this time.

Outlining briefly, but not comprehensively, the work of the Conference during the year: Our Mission in New Orleans under the earnest and efficient ministry of Brother A. H. Smith has made a marked advance; the membership has been doubled, the Sunday school attendance has been increased and a flourishing Christian Endeavor society is in operation (the only one of any denomination in New Orleans.) We have also secured an option on a well built and conveniently arranged chapel, splendidly lo-

cated and admirably adapted in every way for our work in that section of the city. This chapel is not paid for, but we hope to devise a plan before the option expires in November, by which we may raise the amount necessary to pay the purchase price, and seize permanent possession. To secure the ownership of this building is indeed essential to the life of our work in New Orleans. Brother Smith and his noble christian wife have given the last full measure of a Christ like devotion to the building up of this mission, and their influence for good has been unbounded in that part of the city. Also at Slidell, a short distance from New Orleans, brother Smith held a blessed meeting during which many were saved, and a United Brethren church was organized as the result of this meeting and now has a considerable membership. They have secured ground and will build at that place in the near future. This is a promising point and will justify an earnest effort to develop.

On Ellis charge Brother W. J. Killmer has been patient and continuous in well doing, constant in season and out he has worked well and a result of his careful and consecrated ministry the work is in much better condition than it was last year. At Egan church on this charge a good meeting was held; a number of members were received, a small but active Sunday School was organized and the church is serving well now the need of the community.

Brother Hoffpauir, on Otterbein charge, has been earnestly and successfully engaged in the work of the Lord. He has had some additions to the church; has organized two C. E. Societies, and has active Sunday Schools at his preaching places.

At Glenmora we have a difficult condition to deal with; a small membership and very meager financial support. As a consequence of this it has been hard to secure capable pastoral supervision. The work during a part of the year was without a pastor, then we secured the services of Brother W. R. Schrock, who with his good wife, went there and these two devout and faithful children of God have not ceased at any time to do their utmost that the Kingdom of God might come to the hearts and homes of the people of that community. They have fought well and have won many hearts to the love of God and the service of Jesus Christ, though the work is not now all that it may be

possible to be in the future, yet it is now on a better footing than it was last, though the former pastor helped it much while he was there.

Brother Schrock has succeeded in surmounting apparently insurmountable obstacles, and has built a neat parsonage; this building I believe is entirely without debt. It was something sorely needed and they have given to God a gracious gift that will mean much to the pastors who serve that charge in future years.

At Jernings and Roanoke we have a faithful and good company of people in the churches. Our finances included in the budget will not be full; on some of the charges the full amount will be paid; on others there will be a shortage; this should not be so. Our people are well able to pay the full amount agreed upon by the conference and we sincerely hope that next Annual Conference session will find us with the budget as apportioned paid in full.

I have traveled this year in the service of the Conference 2700 miles by rail and 210 miles by private conveyance; I have preached 42 times; I have spent 38 days on other fields than my own in the work of the superintendency, and have written 284 letters. Not having full reports from all of the fields I cannot say whether we will report an increase in the membership of the Conference or not; a considerable number of members have been received, but the losses in some sections have been heavy; this is due largely to the fact that persons move from our churches to sections in which we have no churches and so are lost to us.

I would recommend that the missionary appropriations be made largely to central points, and that we endeavor to strengthen our work in this way by reaching some centers of population. I have given five years of conscientious service to this general work. I have made many mistakes; I am unworthy of the least of the mercies of God; but I have sought in His strength to show the spirit of love to the heart of humanity. I love Louisiana, it is my home; I have had six happy years within its borders. I love her people; there are no better people in the wide world; they have hearts that are rich and warm with the desire to help and be kind. I believe that no better state belongs

to the union than this one, and I could ask for no better privilege or higher joy than to work in Jesus service side by side with her noble hearted Christian people, until the last wonderful sunset should be over these green prairies, and through divine grace I should go home with my last days on earth spent among these friends and be with God forever.

I can never forget the men of the woods and the prairie who are here today, who have worked with me and loved me and prayed for me, and divided with me that they had. In the ivory palaces of the great house they shall be Kings and Priests unto God and the Lamb forever, for they have been faithful, and their reward is sure. Wishing for you all every good gift that the Father has for the friends of Jesus, I am your loving friend and Brother in Christ.

W. L. CHILDRESS.

Reports.

Applicants and Conference Relations.

JENNINGS, LA., October 23, 1914.

We, your Committee on Applicants and Conference Relations, would report that we have received and examined the credentials of J. E. Lewis, who comes to us as an ordained elder of the "Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene"; W. R. Schrock, who comes to us as a licensed preacher of the "Pentecostal Church" of the Nazarene; T. J. Wilson, who comes to us as a licensed preacher of the M. E. Church, Gulf Conference; W. M. McVey, transferred from the Missouri Conference of the United Brethren Church to the Louisiana Conference, and Henry Carlyon, a member of the Iowa Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, whose transfer to this Conference has been granted but not yet received. We would recommend that these brethren be received into the membership of the Louisiana Conference.

W. L. CHILDRESS,
A. H. SMITH.
MRS H. C. WILKINS.

We, your Committee on Applicants and Conference Relations, would recommend that O. P. Harnish be granted an open transfer.

W. L. CHILDRESS,
A. H. SMITH,
MRS. K. E. WILKINS.

Assignment for Special Bible Study.

We, your Committee, to make assignments for Special Bible Study for the coming year in harmony with the Seminary Extension Plan, beg leave to report as follows:

Central Theme—Paul the Servant of God.

Paul, The Person; The Persecutor; The Preacher—Bishop C. J. Kiphart, D. D.

Paul, The Penman; The Prisoner—Rev. W. L. Childress.

I Thess.—Time, Place, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. C. C. Martin.

II Thess.—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. E. N. Hoffpauir.

Galatians—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Fred Buch.

I Cor.—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—W. R. Schrock.

II Cor.—Time, Place, Object, Subject, Analysis—A. H. Smith.

Romans 1:8—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. Kate Wilkins.

Romans 9:16—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. James Ellis.

Ephesians—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. Jno. E. Lewis.

Colossians—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. W. F. Tietje.

Philippians—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—W. E. Coffin.

Philemon—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Rev. W. J. Killmer.

I Timothy—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Mrs. Jno. E. Lewis.

Titus—Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—B. A. Richhart.

II Timothy, Time, Place, People, Object, Subject, Analysis—Mrs. A. H. Smith.

Ten of Paul's principal helpers and what each one did—Rev. Carlyon.

W. R. SCHROCK,
E. N. HOFFPAUIR.

Auditing

We, your committee to audit the Conference Treasurer's account, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined and compared all entries and find that he has received \$1,131.65 and paid out \$1,022.53, leaving a balance on hand of \$109.08.

We commend his careful and accurate system of keeping the records. Each item of expenditure or receipt is correctly shown and proven by duplicate receipt.

O. P. HARNISH,
C. A. BRIGHAM.

Boundaries and Finance.

We, your committee on Boundaries and Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We would recommend,

First, That Lake Cove and Chapells Mill be detached from Otterbein charge, and Science Hill from Glenmora charge, and that these three appointments together with Cypress Creek constitute a new charge to be know as Kephart Circuit.

Second, That Ellis Church be detached from the Bayou Mallet charge, and that Bayou Mallet and Egan constitute a charge to be known as the Bayou Mallet charge.

Third, That the Ellis Church be placed in the hands of the Conference Board of Trustees to be disposed of as they see fit.

Fourth, That the Glenmora charge be discontinued and the property at Glenmora be disposed of by the Conference Board of Trustees.

Fifth, That Slidell be placed under the pastoral supervision of the pastor of the New Orleans Mission.

Sixth, That the following appropriations be made to the various fields of labor in the Conference:

New Orleans Mission Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Jennings One Hundred Dollars.

Otterbein Two Hundred Dollars.

Bayou Mallet Two Hundred Dollars.

Kephart Circuit Fifty Dollars.

Conference Missionary One Hundred Dollars.

W. L. CHILDRESS,

J. E. LEWIS,

W. R. SCHROCK,

C. C. MARTIN,

W. E. COFFIN.

We adopt the same budget that we had last year.

Christian Endeavor.

Efficiency is the keynote struck everywhere at this time. In every walk of life from the very simplest vocation there come a demand for the trained workmen. So it is in the Kingdom of God. The Apostle Paul tells us in 2d Timothy, 2d Chapter, 15th Verse to "study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We recall to mind how these words were spoken after three years of study in the wilderness of Arabia under the teaching of the Holy Ghost.

The name of the Society, C. E., is indicative of its real purpose and aim in the Church, and since the day when Francis Clark founded the first C. E. Society this divinely appointed branch which our Heavenly Father hath planted has gone forward in the name of our Christ not only winning men for service to Jesus Christ but helping them to keep in the place where God can see them.

I thank God that I have had the privilege of seeing two Societies, one Junior and one Senior C. E. at New Orleans, La.

Those of you who have Societies can fully understand why I feel this way.

I am also glad that we have the best Society in the state at Roanoke, and have learned there is also a Society at Turkey Creek, and a Junior Society at Jennings. This is very encouraging but there are some who as yet have not organized. Let us resolve to go forward in this branch of our Father's Kingdom.

A. H. SMITH.

Church Erection.

The Church Erection Society is essential for the growth and development of our Church. Its mission is to render aid to congregations not able to build houses of worship without temporary aid and to assist in starting work in new strategic points. Its funds are only loaned and are paid back by the Class assisted and so remain undiminished.

To succeed and for permanency a Class must have a working plant—a church house. The beginning of many organizations has been in a school house, private dwelling, tent or grove, but where no church house was built there are few or no United Brethren today. Where working plant was provided we have possessed the land and are a blessing to the community.

But everywhere the cry is to build larger--more working rooms. To meet this the aid of the society is frequently imperative. The day of the one or two room building is passing. To meet the need there must be many rooms and the several departments of work must be provided for.

We recognize the present need and the overwhelming calls that have come to the Church Erection Society, and as a conference pledge ourselves to do all possible to raise funds, solicit bequests, and create interest in this important work.

O. P. HARNISH, Committee.

Conference Missionary.

October 21st, 1914.

Report to the Fifteenth Annual Louisiana Conference as Home Missionary.

In the beginning of the year, as it was a new work with me, I had to move and I was sick through December and until the

middle of January and none of the boys wanted me to hold meetings for them at this time of the year.

I did not get started in the work until about the 5th of February. I have been very busy all the rest of the time. I have held 11 meetings during the year and each meeting running from 5 to 30 days. I have preached 151 sermons during this period and made 347 visits; had 104 conversions and 31 joined the U. B. Church and 26 joined the Congregational Church and the rest went into different Churches. I have done my best to help all the Pastors in the best way I could, and have worked together in fellowship and in love. I believe the brethren done all they could to help me with my work. I have traveled during the year for the Church and my work 2039 miles. I have paid for railroad fare \$41.00 and have received by collections and gifts \$253.45, I received from the Mission Board \$216.99 making a total of \$470.44.

C. C. MARTIN.

Education.

Much has been said from time to time upon the subject of education, and one will more or less cover the same ground that has already been gone over. It is a debatable question as to whether it is the proper thing or not to compel every one that has a desire to preach, to qualify on a certain prescribed course of literary training. I do not put any premium on illiteracy whatever but whenever one comes to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, that immediately there comes a desire for knowledge of other things; but as we take a historical view of the spread of the religion of Jesus Christ the question arises, what class of men were in the majority in the development of this great work? Is there not a danger of putting too many dollars in brick and mortar than in the direct salvation of souls? Our Church however is not overly burdened with educational institutions and we should lend them our earnest support. Personally, I would recommend to any preacher or layman of Louisiana Conference the Kansas City University. I have met the present Chancellor and believe him to be a man of God. Kansas City affords a good field for practical work for which the College has included in its course of

study for preachers and missionaries. I would also recommend Kansas City University to any who may desire educational qualifications for any legitimate vocation of life.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. LEWIS.

Efficiency Louisiana Conference 1914.

Number of reports received	7
Number of pastors reporting on time	7
Number of reports in reasonably good form	5
Number of reports showing 20 or more church members recd	9
Number of reports showing less than 20 received	5
Number of reports showing no members received	0
Number of reports showing 20 or more increase in S. S.	1
Number of reports showing less than 20 increase in S. S.	1
Number showing no increase in S. S.	5
Number of reports showing one or more Endeavor Societies	4
Number showing 15 or more increase in Endeavor Membsh'p	1
Number showing less than 15 increase in " "	1
Number showing no increase in Endeavor Membership	2
Number reports showing one or more W. M. A.'s	0
Number of charges having one or more Telescopes to each eight members	2
Number of charges using U. B. S. S. literature in S. S.	5
Number of charges not using U. B. S. S. literature in S. S.	2
Number of charges that paid pastor's salary in full	1
Number of charges that paid Conf. Benevolence in full	1
Number of charges that paid Gen. Benevolence in full	1
Highest No. of points received by any charge (Otterbein)	153
Lowest number of points received by any charge	50
The average of points received	104
Number of charges above the average	4
Number of charges below the average	3
Total number of points for members received	77

Evangelism.

God's ways are not man's ways, and in dealing with the subject I am praying that God will give me eyes to see and ears to hear what the spirit would have me say about the spreading of the glad gospel story of Jesus and his love. Just at this time the greater part of the so-called christian world is drenched in the blood of thousands of men and women for whom Christ died. The wail of the bereaved is even more terrible than that of Jacob and Job of old. God's word tells us that our blessed Heavenly Father is not the author of confusion but of peace. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual, and they who put their trust in God shall not be confounded. Thank God for the song,

Onward christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus,
Going on before.

The conditions in which we find the nations of the world today brings home to us in a far more vital manner the need for "The Kingdom to come, and His will be done in earth as it is in Heaven."

During this year the Federation of Sunday Schools of the Evangelical Denominations which numbers 95 white Sunday Schools met in a three days session, convention. The largest attendance at the convention was a little over 1900. A statement was made from the platform to the effect that there are on the streets of New Orleans every Sunday morning over 52,000 boys and girls who attend no religious service at all. The population of New Orleans is nearly 400,000. Similar conditions exist all over the State of Louisiana.

The magnitude of the task that lays before us to the natural man is appalling. May I ask this Conference what shall we do, we who are representatives of the most High God and of His church?

Is there a chance to interest the disinterested army of men for whom Christ died? The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are too few. Thank God for a big harvest field, and for the word that says "a little leaven leavens a whole lump. Listen, the spirit of our God bids me say to you for He speaks

to my heart these words; "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the ends of the earth." Backed up by the mighty presence and power of the living God filled with the cleansing fire of His great presence we can stand in the presence of the enemy and shout victory unto our God, and all the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. Looking forward to the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there shall be shouts in the camp of the United Brethren of Louisiana continually. Be it resolved that this Conference pledge anew their allegiance to Jesus Christ, looking forward and as obedient servants carrying cheerfully the glad message of a crucified and risen Lord, knowing that God will fulfill His promises and in the day when He shall call we will answer joyfully to hear him say, "In as much as you did it unto one of the least of these ye did unto me."

MRS. A. H. SMITH.

Foreign Missions.

The consideration of the matter of Foreign Missions is one which no Church in Christain lands can neglect or overlook and still hold its claim to be recognized as a Christian Church. It is a duty of every congregation of christian people to contribute of their means to aid and to preserve a lively interest in their fellowmen who are in spiritual darkness, and whose religious training has been a devotion to idols and to forms of religion that do not tend to develop a higher and purer manhood.

While in many places as in India, China and Japan, people have to some extent been led into the light and are doing noble and successful work among their fellow men in spreading the Gospel and teaching its precious truths; the time is not yet when they may be left without the aid and council and direction of Christians, who with their forefathers, have been blessed with Christian instruction and examples through the years.

Therefore, it becomes the duty of all Christian congregations and peoples to give of their means to this work, and with their prayers to supplicate a Throne of Grace for blessings upon their efforts.

War in its terrible and devastating march is changing fertile fields into very shambles, and bringing untimely death and fear-

ful suffering to the bravest and best of many lands. Humanity itself seems to stand as if stunned by the horribleness of it all. Interest is being deflected from its usual channel of operation by this terrible scourge, and every effort for the promulgation of usual educational and religious effort is now more or less paralyzed. It therefore behoves us as a church, as a christian people, favoured as we are with peace and plenty, that we do not forget to acknowledge to our Heavenly Father the debt that we owe to Him who for our redemption gave His only beloved Son, by giving of our means, or of our labor and of our influence, to carry on the work of supplying the Gospel light and its blessings to those who live in heathen darkness, and comfort to those who by reason of the devastation of war are living in distress.

Respectfully,
JAMES ELLIS.

Home Missions.

It is obvious that unless the work of the Home Mission Board is promoted, the general denominational work will not advance rapidly; and indeed in many sections will not make any progress at all but will eventually languish and die. Our strongest fields of activity as a church are in the East the Central States and the Middle States. In a few of these states are more than seventy per cent of our total membership. Land values are constantly advancing in the states where we are as a church most largely represented; from this consideration our people are constantly pushing out toward the final frontiers, Westward, Northwestward, and Southwestward. Most of these people as they go from our best known territory to that in which in many instances we are not known at all will be lost to us. Unless we pursue the plan of conserving our resources the Home Mission Board brings to the scattered constituencies in remote sections pastoral supervision and adequate financial support. If being evangelistic and sound in our scriptural teaching; in the purpose of God we have a definite and specific work indicated by the Holy spirit for us to do, then it is of the utmost importance that these small spiritual temples unto the Lord, isolated though they be, should be fostered that they may grow in influence and

power for the glory of God and the uplifting of humanity. A heterogeneous conglomeration of foreignized people is found in many of the sections to which our people move, we must then in dealing with a condition like that by faithfulness and earnestness, and patience, and prayer, and ceaseless effort bring these people up to God's standard of Christian character, or failing to discharge our duty as it relates to them sink in the long run to practically the same level that they occupy. The Cosmopolitan character of our population with the pernicious practices brought by them from other countries is a menace to the faith of the fathers. Unless we bring to them the resistless power of pentecost thus leavening the mass of unregenerate humanity with the gospel of grace and bringing immortality to life through Jesus Our Lord.

The Home Mission propaganda is therefore both the clearing house for Foreign Missions and the power plant for future spiritual progress in the home land. Some Solon said sagely long ago. "We must educate or we must perish." It cannot be said less truly that we must give to the critical condition of the virgin and white field of Home Mission opportunity in this country our earnest attention and utmost effort, or failing to do this we will be false to the Cross of Jesus Christ and we will perish as a church. With the exceedingly limited means at its command, wisely disbursed, the work of the General Home Mission Board has been signally successful, and many of our largest efficient churches in the centers of population stand as monuments to its consecrated sagacity. With the help given them by the Board at critical periods many of the waste places have been made to blossom like rose gardens of Christ. Without the work of this Board the progress of the church would have been immeasurably slower than it has been. Therefore, considering the fundamental obligation that we have as a church to this essential part of Christ's service, and looking with the fearless eyes of faith upon the far spread land that the Lord our God would have us possess, Be it resolved that we as a conference will do individually and collectively all that our ransomed powers will permit us to accomplish for the Home Mission work of this church under the administration of the Holy Spirit and the direction of our leaders.

W. LOMAX CHILDRESS,

Nomination.

To the Fifteenth Annual Conference United Brethren in Christ,
Louisiana Conference:

We, your committee on nominations, do recommend Brother
W. E. Coffin as Conference Treasurer.

A. H. SMITH,
C. C. MARTIN.

Ordination Report.

We, your committee on Ordination, have examined J. E. Lewis as per discipline and find that he has answered all questions satisfactory and recommend that he be received into the conference.

O. P. HARNISH,
C. A. BRIGHAM,
JAMES ELLIS.

Publishing Interest.

The press is one of the most wonderful agencies that we have today. It is operated by brainy men either for good or for evil. I believe that the publishing and circulation of good religious literature is not only a help to our church people, but is a powerful agency in winning the world to Christ and in training the minds of our young people and inspiring them to a better life, a life of usefulness in the church.

We United Brethren are proud to say that we have at Dayton, Ohio, one of the best and most up-to-date printing establishments of its kind in America. Our literature is of the very best to be had. It is sound and true in teaching the great Spiritual Truths of the Bible, and through its teaching many young people are brought to Christ.

The Religious Telescope stands in the front rank and is superior to all church papers. It is ably edited, and should be read by every minister and layman in the church. The Watchword is among the best papers for the young, having the topic of the Christian Endeavor and its many helps to a christian life. We must not forget the Friends for Boys and Girls for it is

a source of help to our Juniors, and should be used in all our Sunday Schools.

The periodicals are being made bigger and better all the time. The editors are putting their very best into this part of the work to give the church the highest grade of helpful literature possible that our people everywhere may be better in character and strength in service.

So let me urge every minister and Sundry School superintendent to do all in our power to place our periodicals and book literature in the homes of our people giving the publishing house our support.

E. N. HOFFPAUIR.

Resolutions.

To the Fifteenth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference
United Brethren In Christ.

We your committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1st. We desire to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His great Presence with us and for the manifestation of His mighty power in the hearts and love of the brethren during the sessions of this Conference.

2d. We also desire to express our appreciation for the presence with us of our Beloved Bishop, C. J. Kephart, and of his kind and just administration of all of the business of the Conference. We sincerely thank him for his uplifting addresses all during the sessions which have helped all of our hearts.

3d. We extend to the beloved family of Rev. T. J. Woodworth, our beloved brother and co-laborer in the Masters Work, our heartfelt sympathy and prayers in this their and our loss, which indeed we have the blessed assurance of knowing is his gain.

Lastly we recognize in special gratitude the warmhearted hospitality given to every member and visitor of this Annual Conference by the Brethren of Jennings and vicinity. We are truly grateful for the presence of the ministers of other denominations who have been in attendance regularly upon all the sessions of this Conference.

Looking to the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us press forward to the mark of the calling of God in Christ Jesus.

MRS. A. H. SMITH,
MRS. J. E. LEWIS.

Sunday Schools.

Well did Marion Lawrence say that the Sunday School is the Bible-studying and teaching service of the church. It is not only the main strength of the church. For that reason we should put more of our best plans and endeavors into the work. Every member of our church should be a member in some department of our Sunday School. The best talent in our church should be at work in our school, not only as teachers, but as leaders to lead the child, youth or adult members of their classes into a personal knowledge of the Christ, and to assist in feeding the lambs and sheep, and at all times to be examples in walking in the straight and narrow way.

FRANK JAEKE.

Temperance.

We, your Committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following:

Of all national evils now existing in America the giant evil is the legalized liquor traffic. It is the lawless and defiant enemy of the church, the home, the state, the individual. It uses its political power to debauch not only the vote, but our legislators, and even our law-making body in Washington. It respects neither age nor sex. During the fiscal year ending in June 1913, the United States consumed 143,000,000 barrels of whiskey, an increase of 7,500,000 over the preceeding year, which cost more than \$1,200,000 first cost, and as to the final cost the destruction of property, wrecking homes, murder of manhood, (physical and moral,) its wholesale damnation spread about throughout the country; plunging unnumbered thousands into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. There is no possibility of making an estimation. The following statistics copied from a government report will be of interest. Whiskey causes annually:

100,000 drunkards to die; 5,000 suicides; 10,000 murders; 40,000 widowed mothers; 100,000 insane; 60,000 fallen women; 100,000 paupers; 3,000 murdered wives; 100,000 orphan children; 315,000 criminals.

Missouri has the largest brewery in America and also the largest penitentiary. Let us as a church stand against this awful

enemy of mankind as one man and fight it to the last ditch.

Right is might; God is on the throne so let us rise up in his strength, unfurl the banner of King Emmanuel and with a faith invincible press forward. Knowing that right must finally triumph, and righteousness cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

C. C. MARTIN.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Louisiana Conference of the United Brethren I respectfully submit the following report:

From former Treasurer	- - -	\$ 341.50	
Pledge to Conference Extension 1913	-	120.00	
Turkey Creek Budget	- - -	12.00	
Roanoke Budget	- - - - -	465.00	
Jennings Charge Pledge	- - - -	188.11	
Freeland Charge Budget	- - -	5.00	
		<u>\$1131.61</u>	\$1131.61
Rev. Smith	- - - - -	\$ 15.00	
Rev. Schrock	- - - - -	70.00	
Rev. Hoffpauir	- - - - -	95.00	
Rev. Martin	- - - - -	60.00	
Rev. Carlyon from Preachers Aid Fund	-	20.00	
L. O. Miller General Treasurer	- -	609.33	
W. E. Coffin Postage	- - - -	1.00	
Buch Printing Co. Stationery	- -	3.00	
Buch Printing Co. Printing Minutes	- -	36.25	
Rev. Harnish Freight and Storage on Tent		4.13	
Conference Note	- - - - -	108.82	
		<u>\$1022.53</u>	\$1022.53
Balance on Hand	- - - - -		\$ 109.08

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. COFFIN.

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FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	CHURCHES		MEMBERS								SOCIETIES			SUNDAY SCHOOL														
		No. New Chs Organized	No Churches Organized	At Beginning of Year.	Rec by Profession Faith...	Rec. by Letter	Tot'l in Church during Year	Died.....	Lost by Letter	All other Losses.	Total Loss.....	Present No...	Increase	Decrease'	Young People's Societies.....	Members.....	Junior Societies.....	Members ...	Sunday Schools	Teachers and Officers	Scholars in Main School	Scholars in Home Dept..	Number on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance..	No Organized Adult Classes	No Organized Classes 12-20	Scholars in O. Adult Classes..	Added to Ch. from S S.
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress.....	1	1	121	4	125	1	5	1	1	124	3	3	1	1	54	1	25	1	14	100	25	125	60	1	20	20	20	
JENNINGS	O. P. Harnish.....	1	1	153	2	158	2	2	1	8	150	3	3	1	1	25	1	1	2	23	151	37	125	125	1	22	22	22	
GLENMORA	W. R. Schrock.....	1	1	24	4	30	1	5	1	2	28	4	4	1	1	30	1	1	6	20	20	30	60	60	1	4	4	4	
ELLIS	W. J. Killmer.....	2	2	80	13	63	1	1	2	2	61	11	11	2	2	67	2	8	9	8	52	38	52	52	1	1	1	1	
OTTERBEIN	E. N. Hoffpauir.....	2	2	85	4	91	1	2	2	2	91	6	6	2	2	35	1	10	1	2	150	38	106	60	1	1	1	1	
NEW ORLEANS	A. H. Smith.....	2	1	21	27	54	10	2	2	2	52	31	31	2	2	35	1	10	1	8	40	10	25	25	1	1	1	3	
FREELAND	H. J. Killmer.....	3	1	10	10	20	10	2	2	2	20	8	8	2	2	1	7	25	1	7	25	30	30	20	20	3	3	3	
IOTA																													
	Total	12	2	474	60	551	4	10	3	17	534	63	63	3	3	156	2	35	10	75	538	20	729	350	4	2	46	3	3

LITERATURE

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL													SOCIETIES		CHURCHES										
		At Beginning of Year.	Scholars in Main School	Scholars in Home Dept.	Teachers and Officers	Number on Cradle Roll	Total Enrollment	Added to Ch. from S. S.	Lost by Letter	At other Losses	Total Loss	Present No.	Increase	Decrease	No Churches Organized	No. New Chs Organized											
ROANOKE	W. L. Childress	1	1	121	4	153	1	125	1	1	125	4	153	1	1	1	100	25	1	60	125	25	100	14	1	...	
	JENNINGS	O. P. Harnish	1	1	153	2	158	1	158	2	1	158	2	158	1	2	2	151	37	1	125	37	37	151	2	2	...
	GLENMORA	W. R. Schrock	1	1	24	13	37	2	30	1	5	30	13	37	2	1	1	35	246	2	125	246	246	35	6	4	...
	ELLIS	W. J. Killmer	2	2	80	4	84	1	83	1	1	84	4	84	1	2	2	20	10	1	30	10	10	20	8	1	...
	OTTERBEIN	E. N. Hoffpauir	2	2	85	4	89	2	87	1	1	88	4	89	2	1	1	40	10	1	30	10	10	40	7	3	...
	NEW ORLEANS	A. H. Smith	2	2	21	27	48	2	46	2	2	48	27	48	2	1	1	25	3	1	20	3	3	25	1	1	...
	FREELAND	H. J. Killmer	3	3	20	10	30	2	28	2	2	30	10	30	2	1	1	25	3	1	20	3	3	25	1	1	...
	IOTA	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	12	2	474	60	534	17	551	4	10	551	60	534	17	3	3	538	120	4	350	729	120	538	75	10	3
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FINANCE

Local Current Expenses.....	\$157 17
Conference Supt. Salary	\$36 00
Total Received by Pastor	\$120 00
Presents Received	\$120 00
Patronage Rent	\$120 00
Missionary Appropriation	\$120 00
Pastor's Salary paid by Charge	\$1010 00
Woman's Evangel.....	3
Graded Series	15
Inter-mediate	12
Primary	30
Beginners	15
Lesson Picture Chart	1
Bible Pictures for Little Ones	15
Lesson for our Juniors	15
Weekly Bible Lesson Leaves	13
Otterbein H. Dep. Quart'ly	40
Otterbein Int. Quart'ly	40
Otterbein Senior Quart'ly	60
Otterbein Adult Quart'ly	40
Otterbein Teacher	7
Friend for Boys and Girls	30
Watchword	30
Religious Telescope	27
Total	\$378 74

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FINANCE—Continued

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	Church and Parsonage Repairs.....	For New Parsonage.....	For Local S. S. Purpose.....	For Local Y. P. S. C. E.....	Benevolence Budget.....	Conference Budget.....	Conference Ch. Extension.....	Special Home Missions.....	Special S. S. Work.....	Homes and Orphanages.....	Evangelistic Work.....	Miscellaneous.....	Ladies Aid.....	Total for all Purposes.....
ROANOKE.....	W. L. Childress.....	\$ 29 35	.....	\$ 72 91	\$ 16 00	\$ 465 00	.....	.....	\$ 10 00	25 00	14 50	.....	.....	\$ 43 20	\$ 2079 63
JENNINGS.....	O. P. Harnish.....	.....	.....	186 95	2 78	181 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00	.....	.....	1653 33
GLENMORA.....	W. R. Schrock.....	.....	140 00	4 83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	382 33
ELLIS.....	W. J. Killmer.....	16 50	.....	.....	.....	32 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350 83
OTTERBEIN.....	E. N. Hoffpauir.....	.....	.....	12 60	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 50	.....	.....	398 32
NEW ORLEANS.....	A. H. Smith.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	37 00	.....	.....	458 25
FREELAND.....	H. J. Killmer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
IOTA.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	Total.....	53 85	140 00	279 39	18 87	668 11	32 00	100 00	10 00	25 00	14 50	85 50	10 00	43 20	5316 81

FIELD OF LABOR	NAME OF PREACHERS	CHURCH PROPERTY				MISCELLANEOUS			
		Church Houses.....	Value of Church House and Ground..	Debt on Church.....	Net Value.....	Parsonage.....	Value.....	Net Value.....	Conference Minutes Wanted.....
ROANOKE.....	W. L. Childress.....	1	\$ 2500 00	.....	\$ 2500 00	1	\$ 1800 00	\$ 1800 00	30
JENNINGS.....	O. P. Harnish.....	1	3800 00	75 00	3725 00	1	2000 00	2000 00	25
GLENMORA.....	W. R. Schrock.....	1	2500 00	.....	2500 00	1	450 00	450 00	10
ELLIS.....	W. J. Killmer.....	2	2000 00	50 00	1950 00	.....	.....	.....	20
OTTERBEIN.....	E. N. Hoffpauir.....	2	1500 00	250 00	1250 00	1	500 00	500 00	30
NEW ORLEANS.....	A. H. Smith.....	1	1600 00	1300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	10
FREELAND.....	H. J. Killmer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IOTA.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	Total.....	8	13900 00	1675 00	12225 00	4	4750 00	4750 00	125



